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**DEMURRER IN LIBEL CASE ARGUED IN COURT**

The demurrer to the complaint in the case of Charles H. Hollingsworth, who is suing the Gazette Printing company for \$100,000 was argued and submitted to Judge Stanford who has taken the matter under advisement. Hollingsworth brought the libel action against the Gazette following an article which appeared in the evening newspaper during the course of his preliminary hearing before Justice De Souza on the charge of murder of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Hollingsworth. The case against the defendant was dismissed. The article which caused offense, appeared December 6 and particular objection was made to the opening paragraph which read, "On motion of the county attorney the preliminary hearing of Charles H. Hollingsworth, charged with matricide, has been continued, pending a report in the autopsy on the body of the murdered woman. The post mortem examination will reveal whether the aged woman was given an overdose of morphine as charged against Hollingsworth."

(Capt. H. B. C. Pollard of the British Army in the New York Tribune) Every British soldier is expected to be able to judge distance approximately, and every non-commissioned officer is expected to do it with fair accuracy. It is an essential part of his training. Without it he cannot give his orders correctly.

One of the best ways of teaching men distance judging is on route marches. At a halt the men estimate the distance of objects visible ahead of them along the road. When the march is resumed these estimates are checked by pacing the distances. In this way the men are taught to take an interest in distance judging and a competitive spirit is encouraged among them.

In the same way the ranges of all prominent objects near camp should be carefully taken with a range finder, and the men should be taught by heart the various distances. Natural objects, such as houses, average sized trees or roads where men or traffic move, should be preferred to merely landscape features, for experience goes to show that men retain a mental picture of such objects best.

In addition to the "mental picture" method of estimating ranges there are certain rule-of-thumb methods which are useful. One of these is the observation of objects through a service rifle barrel with the bolt removed and the eye placed immediately above the butt plate. Thus a standing man completely fills the diameter of the barrel at three hundred yards distance. If he occupies one-half he is some five hundred and fifty yards away, and at eight hundred yards he occupies a third. This system is good for ranges up to eight hundred yards, but it requires a good light to see a dismounted man through the barrel at this range.

For close ranges the following table should be committed to memory, but men with vision below the normal should make out a table to suit their own particular eyesight:

Mouth and eyes of a man can be seen at fifty yards.

Eyes appear as points at one hundred yards.

Buttons and details of uniform can be seen at two hundred yards.

Feet can be seen at three hundred yards.

Shoulders are square at four hundred yards.

Shoulders go bottle shaped at five hundred yards.

Head is invisible at seven hundred yards.

Man looks like a post at eight hundred yards.

In long distance the best way is to select an object which appears to be half way, to estimate the distance to it by one or other of the methods and then to double the estimate.

Flashes of guns at night are useful for range finding. Sound travels about 360 yards a second. A more accurate computation can be made by counting eleven beats to three seconds, each beat between the sight of the flash and the noise of the sound equalling one hundred yards. But here again practice is required to estimate the beats correctly.

Lateral distances are usually estimated by the number of fingers required to cover the object, but this, of course, can be done only when the direct distance is known. The fingers are held at arm's length and not close up to the eye.

One hundred yards is covered at five hundred yards by six to seven fingers. One hundred yards is covered at one thousand yards by three to three and a half fingers.

One hundred yards is covered at 1,500 yards by two fingers.

One hundred yards is covered at two thousand yards by one thumb.

All the foregoing rules are for good light and level ground. In bad light, in mist, when looking across a valley or when estimating distance lying down the tendency is to overestimate the distance.

The general rule to remember is that a distinct object will lead to underestimation and an indistinct one to overestimation.

**HAVE "BURBANKED" THE DUCK**

(New Orleans—Stanley Clisby Arthur, ornithologist of the Conservation Commission of Louisiana, is authority for the statement that the state has "Burbanked" the wild duck, the cross of which has "set" and they have produced a duck that will remain in the state the year round.

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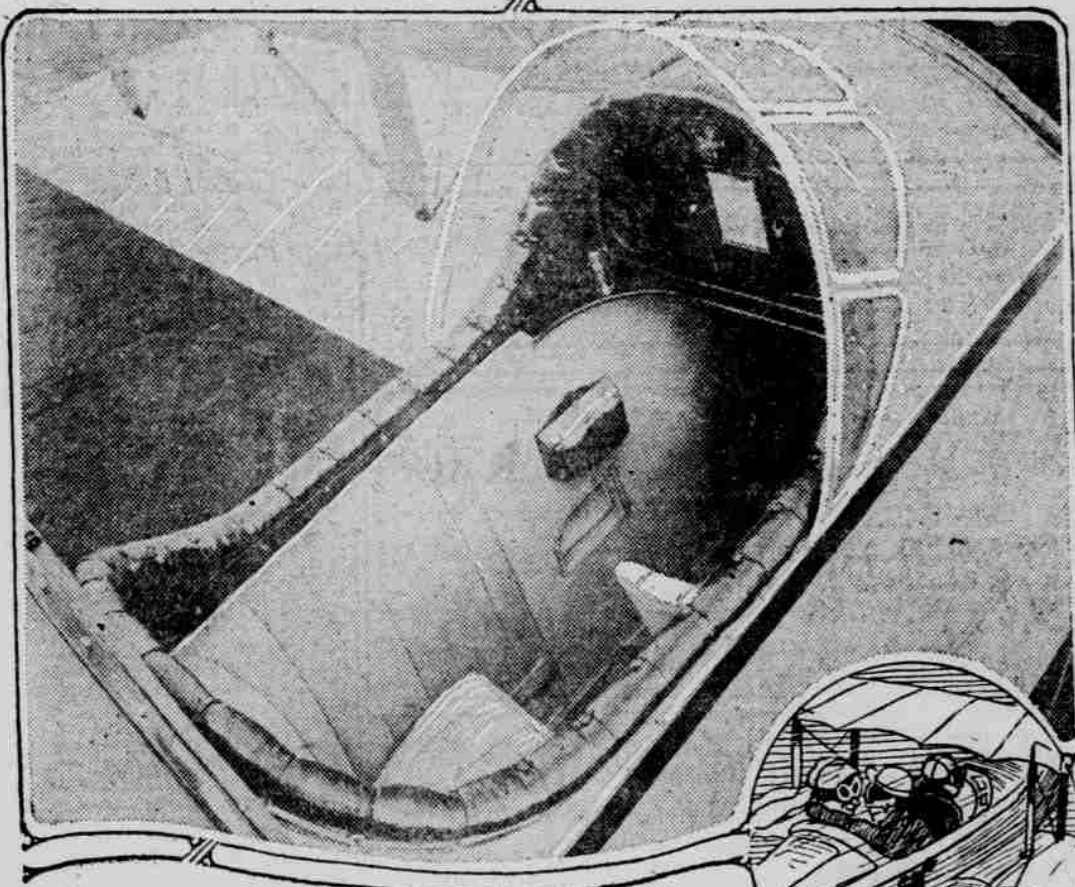
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